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HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN COLLISION WEST DREXEL ROAD AND SOUTH LIBERTY AVENUE

*****UPDATE – DECEMBER 23, 2014*****

An arrest has been made in a hit and run pedestrian collision that occurred on West Drexel Road and South Liberty Avenue just over a year ago. During the investigation, detectives identified 62-year old Rosa Maria Grijalva as a person of interest in the case. After working tirelessly over the last year on this investigation, detectives located and interviewed a key witness to the collision. In December 2014, detectives developed probable cause to arrest Ms. Grijalva. On December 22nd, she turned herself in at the Westside Substation. She was arrested and booked into the Pima County Jail for 1 count of Failure to Stop and Remain at Fatal Collision, a class 3 felony.



Rosa Maria Grijalva

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*****UPDATE – FEBRUARY, 2014*****

On February 4, 2014, the victim in this case succumbed to his injuries. The victim was identified as 55 –year old David L. Hamilton. Next of kin have been notified.

A person of interest has been identified and is being investigated by the Traffic Investigation Unit at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 34

7 Pedestrian

3 Bicycle

5 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 44

20 Pedestrian

3 Bicycle

5 Motorcycle

*This incident occurred on December 19, 2013. The statistics for 2013 have been updated to include this pedestrian fatality.

Sergeant Pete Dugan – February 4, 2014

*****UPDATE – JANUARY 2, 2014*****

The victim from the hit and run collision that occurred at West Drexel Road and South Liberty Avenue was identified after his family contacted Police to report him missing. Detectives have located the vehicle involved and a possible suspect. No arrests have been made and the investigation is still ongoing.

Officer Brandon Tatum

On December 19, 2013, at about 6:30 p.m., personnel from the Tucson Fire Department and officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a man down near the intersection of West Drexel Road and South Liberty

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Avenue. Upon arrival, TFD personnel located an adult male pedestrian with life threatening injuries as a result of a hit and run collision. He was located on the side of Drexel Road just west of Liberty Avenue. He was transported to a local area hospital where he remains in life threatening condition.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded the night of the incident to continue the investigation. The investigation into the suspect involved in this incident is still ongoing. Detectives are now seeking the public's assistance in identifying the victim. He is described as a Native American male, approximately 40 years old, 6'00" tall, 230 pounds, with short black hair and brown eyes. The victim's right eye is prosthetic. Detectives believe he may be a transient due to the condition of his feet, but he was clean with groomed facial hair (thin mustache and beard). Anyone with information is urged to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.

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